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Turin, Nov. 11. *N. S.*

ABout 8 or 9 days ago our Duke received Advice, That the Enemy were again advancing towards Asti; and that Monsieur d'Estain, who lies near Quieri, was also in Motion with the Troops under his Command, as if he would join the Duke de la Feuillade, who designed to besiege Asti in form. His Royal Highness thereupon commanded all our Horse to march to La Cisterna, to be ready at hand in case the Enemy persisted in their Design of attacking Asti; and sent Orders to the Count de la Rocque, who commands at Quieri, to observe Monsieur d'Estain's Motions, and to follow him. At the same time General Staremberg went from hence by the way of La Cisterna to Asti, to give the necessary Directions for the Defence of that Place. The 8th Instant his Royal Highness received a Courier from General Daun, with Advice, That about midnight the Enemy had attempted to surprize Asti, and attacked a Half-moon, from which they were repulsed; and in the morning one of their Officers and 3 private Men were found dead close by the Palisadoes, several of which were already cut. The Enemy had carried off the rest of their killed and wounded Men. After this unsuccessful Attempt, the Enemy retired about a Mile from under the Town, notwithstanding they had already opened their Trenches, and carried them forward near 600 Foot. The same day General Staremberg sent from Asti Mr. Hamilton, an Adjutant-General in the Emperor's Service, to acquaint his Royal Highness, That having Notice of a Convoy of Cannon and Ammunition which was going from Alexandria to join the Duke de la Feuillade, he had ordered two German Battalions, 5 Companies of Granadiers, and 1000 German Horse, to endeavour to intercept it; but the Enemy being informed of his Design, sent a strong Detachment of Horse and Foot to cover their Convoy, of which our People had also Intelligence: However they marched directly to the Enemy; and Col. Pfeffercorn attacked their Squadrons with Sword in Hand, with so much Vigour, that they gave way, and were soon put into Disorder, and pursued even into the Duke de la Feuillade's Camp; from whence they were reinforced, and then rallied; but were driven back a second time. This Engagement continued till it was so late, that Count Staremberg thought fit to order his Troops to retire into Asti. The Enemy, as we are very well assured from good Hands, lost above 700 Men in this Action, besides 3 Lieutenant-Colonels of Horse, and Monsieur d'Imecourt, Brigadier of the Carabiniers. On our side Monsieur Montecuculi, two or three Subalterns, and about 50 Men, were killed, and 15 or 16 Officers, with 150 Men, wounded. Colonel Freizen, of Guido's Regiment, who commanded in Verue, the Major of the said Regiment, and a Nephew of Count Staremberg's, are amongst the wounded. We lost one Standard, and took two from the Enemy. The Duke de la Feuillade will now see that Asti is not to be taken by Storm; and not having in the whole above 6000 Men with him, both Horse and Foot, it cannot be thought that he will be able to carry on the Siege with so small a Force. We have had such violent stormy and rainy Weather for these 3 weeks past, that all our Roads are unpassable; and our Rivers and Torrents have overflowed in such manner, that they have done considerable Damage all over the Country. The Po was so much swelled, and so rapid, that last week it carried away two Arches of our Stone Bridge. His Royal Highness has received News from Nice, That the Duke of Berwick was arrived at Antibes, and that 5 Battalions, which are to be followed by 10 more, had passed the Var, in order to form the Siege of the Castle of Nice; and a great Convoy was come by Sea with Ammunition and Artillery as far as Antibes. Letters from Villafranca confirm the Surrender of Barcelona to King Charles the Third, as do likewise all our Advices from France and Milan; which happy Success we hope will have a very good Influence upon our Affairs on this side.

Milan, Nov. 24. The Duke de la Feuillade finding it impossible to carry on the Siege of Asti with any Advantage, decamped from before that Place the 12th Instant, and marched that day to Cagliano, where the necessary Orders were given for the putting of his Troops into Winter Quarters, the Head Quarter being at Casal. Letters from the Duke of Vendosme's Army of the 22d Instant say, That Prince Eugene was encamped along the Chiesa, near Calcinato; and that the Duke was advanced to Asola to observe his Highness's Motions.

Grodno, Nov. 14. The Czar came to this Place from Tikozyn the 8th Instant. The King of Poland arrived from thence the 10th, and was received by the Czar at the head of his Camp near this Town. The next day the Forces were reviewed, and made a triple Discharge of their great and small Arms; and they have been commanded to receive their Orders henceforward from the King of Poland. The 12th Instant both Courts, with most of the Chief Officers, were entertained by Field-Marshal Ogilvy, and since that time several Conferences have been held upon the present Juncture of Affairs. The Frost will now oblige our Generals to think of Winter Quarters. Those Battalions which are designed to remain in Garison here are already marched into the Town; and in all probability the rest of the Army will separate very suddenly. Monsieur Grund, Envoy from the King of Denmark, arrived here the 10th Instant.

Berne, Nov. 28. Our last Advices from Italy say, That the Duke de la Feuillade was retired from before Asti; and that the French Forces before Nice make but slow Advances in that Siege for want of Artillery and Ammunition.

Vienna, Nov. 25. On the 16th Instant the Duke of Marlborough had a Conference with the Prince of Salms, and other Publick Ministers, at which the Emperor was present; and last night was a long while in Conversation with his Imperial Majesty and the Empress Consort. His Grace was afterwards seized with a Fit of the Gout, which confined him 3 days to his Chamber, and during that time has been visited by all Persons of the greatest Distinction here. The 19th the Earl of Sunderland, Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Her Majesty of Great Britain, had his Audience of Leave of the Emperor and Empress, and the next day of the Empress Dowager and the Arch-Dutchesses; and was presented by his Imperial Majesty with his Picture set with Diamonds. The 22d the Duke of Marlborough went to see the famous Chamber of Rarities, where the Emperor was pleased to meet him, and in a very obliging manner presented him with a Ring of considerable Value. The same evening his Grace had his Audiences of Leave of all the Imperial Family; and on the 23d began his Journey, being accompanied by the Earl of Sunderland. His Imperial Majesty, in Consideration of the Signal Services done by his Grace to the Austrian Family, and to the Empire, was pleased to make him a Grant of Mindelheim in Swabia, not far from Augsbourg, lately possessed by Duke Maximilian, Uncle to the present Elector of Bavaria; and a Patent is now under the Seal for erecting this Fief into a Principality, whereby his Grace will be distinguished for the future throughout the Empire by the Stile and Title of *Prince of Mindelheim*. His Grace during his stay here received the greatest Marks of Honour and Esteem: The Court would have defrayed his Expences, and the Prince of Dietrichstein's Palace had been fitted up for his Reception; but his Grace was pleased to decline it. The 17th Instant the two Envoys and Plenipotentiaries of the States General came from Tirnau to wait upon his Grace; and this morning they left this City, in order to their return thither. Prince Herculani, who has been lately appointed by the Emperor to be his Ambassador at Venice, began his Journey thither yesterday. The same day Count Straatman, the Emperor's Envoy to the King of Poland, set out from hence on his return to Dresden. It is said, he has Orders to treat with that Court for a Body of Troops to be sent into Italy. An Officer is lately arrived here from the Imperial Army in Hungary, who gives an Account, That having left Segedin, they got the 22d past to Deprezin, where they found great Plenty of all sorts of Provisions. After having refreshed themselves in that Town about 5 days, they marched to Great Waradin, where they arrived the first Instant, and supplied that Garison with all manner of Provisions for 9 Months; and this Officer left them the 4th at Dioseck, ready to advance from that Place towards Samlo on the Frontiers of Transilvania. We hear Prince Ragotzki has drawn together the best part of his Troops on that side in order to oppose them. We have not hitherto had Advice of any Rencounter between the Forces of either side, except that the Sieur Tokoli, one of our Party-men, is said, with 800 Rascian Horse, to have defeated 1700 Hungarians, and to have killed 400 on the place.

Breslau, Nov. 26. The Duke of Marlborough and the Earl of Sunderland left Vienna the 23d Instant; and his Grace was accompanied the first days Journey to Selowitz by Count Zinzendorf, who entertained him in his Castle there. The next